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1. HRC BEGAN CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS  
ON UGANDA PROPOSED BY THE UK AND CANADA AS DESCRIBED  
REFTEL AT NIGHT SESSION MARCH 9. DISCUSSION WHICH WAS  
LAUNCHED BY THE UK DEL WAS INTERRUPTED BY CUBAN DEL  
WHO PROPOSED THAT DISCUSSION BE HELD IN A PRIVATE  
MEETING UNDER RULE 35 OF THE HRC RULES OF PROCEDURE.  
THIS RULE PROVIDES THAT MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION  
SHALL BE HELD IN PUBLIC UNLESS THE COMMISSION DECIDES  
OTHERWISE. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION ON THIS PROPOSAL THE  
CANADIAN REP ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD NOT PRESS FOR  
A VOTE ON HIS DRAFT RESOLUTION. AFTER DISCUSSION OF  
THE CUBAN MOTION, WHICH WAS OPPOSED BY MOST WEO DELEGATIONS,  
INCLUDING THE U.S., THE CUBAN MOTION WAS APPROVED BY  
A VOTE OF 17-8(US, UK, URUGUAY, CANADA, COSTA RICA,  
FRG, ITALY AND SWEDEN)-6.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE CANADIAN AND UK DRAFT  
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RESOLUTIONS THE COMMISSION ALSO HAD BEFORE IT A  
DRAFT RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY CUBA, SENEGAL AND  
YUGOSLAVIA. THIS DRAFT RECALLED THE PREVIOUS ACTION  
TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO ECOSOC RES 1503  
WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION IN UGANDA AND CONTAINED  
A SINGLE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH DECIDING THAT THE UK  
AND CANADIAN DRAFT RESOLUTIONS "WHICH ARE INTENDED TO

REOPEN CONSIDERATION OF THE SITUATION IN UGANDA BY  
MEANS OF A NON-CONFIDENTIAL PROCEDURE, ARE UNACCEPTABLE."

3. COMMISSION MET IN CLOSED SESSION DURING  
THE A.M. MARCH 10 AND DURING PART OF THE P.M. MEETING.  
AT THE OPENING OF THE DISCUSSION IN CLOSED SESSION  
THE UK REP ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD NOT PRESS HIS  
RESOLUTION TO A VOTE. THE REP OF SENEGAL LIKEWISE  
ANNOUNCED THAT THE THREE-POWER DRAFT RESOLUTION WOULD  
NOT BE PRESSED TO A VOTE.

4. IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT NONRESOLUTION THEN  
REMAINED BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR ACTION, THE  
COMMISSION CONTINUED A DETAILED AND TIME-CONSUMING  
DISCUSSION OF THE BASIC ISSUE AS TO THE SCOPE OF THE  
CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS UNDER ECOSOC RES 1503  
AS THESE REQUIREMENTS AFFECTED PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF  
SITUATIONS CONSIDERED UNDER RES 1503.

5. COMMENT: UK DEL, WHICH AT FIRST HAD BEEN  
INTENT UPON PRESSING THEIR RESOLUTION TO A VOTE IN  
PRIVATE SESSION, DECIDED AGAINST SUCH A COURSE AFTER  
ARRANGING WITH THE PROPONENTS OF THE THREE-POWER  
RESOLUTION THAT NO VOTE WOULD BE TAKEN ON EITHER  
RESOLUTION. UK DEL, ACTING PARTLY IN RESPONSE TO  
ADVICE OF USDEL, DESIRED TO AVOID ALMOST CERTAIN  
ADOPTION OF THREE-POWER RESOLUTION IF IT HAD COME  
TO A VOTE AND WHICH WOULD HAVE ESTABLISHED ILL-CONSIDERED  
AND UNDESIRE PRECEDENT WITH RESPECT TO SCOPE AND  
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PURPOSE OF APPLICATION OF ECOSOC RES 1503, UK DEL.  
WAS SATISFIED THAT THE VOTE ON THE CUBAN MOTION FOR  
A PRIVATE MEETING, A VOTE TAKEN IN PUBLIC SESSION  
AND BY ROLL CALL, ACCOMPLISHED THEIR AIM OF PUBLIC  
DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR EFFORTS TO SECURE MORE  
EFFECTIVE ACTION BY THE HRC ON THE UGANDA SITUATION.  
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